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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DORSOLUMBAR AND LUMBOSACRAL  
VERTEBRAL FIXATION SYSTEM

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111 AND CONTINGENT PETITION  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.181 AND §1.244 AND AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the non-final Office Action dated September 3, 2009, the period for reply having been extended three (3) months to March 3, 2010, the following claim amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted with regard to this Application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.